| *Sl. No.* | *State/UT* | *Total No. Functioning 31.12.91* |
|---|---|---|
| 25. | West Bengal | 7873 |
| 26. | A&N Islands | 97 |
| 27. | Chandigarh | 12 |
| 28. | D&N Haveli | 34 |
| 29. | Daman & Diu | 30 |
| 30. | Delhi | 42 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 14 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 76 |
| | Total | 131385 |

UC= Under clarification.

[*English*]

**Recycling of Waste**

*590. SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has bee drawn to the news item captioned "Recycling waste in China" appearing in the Financial Express dates March 16, 1992;

(b) if so, the whether the Government propose to prepare any plan on its analogy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Many types of wastes generated in rural and urban areas of India are recycled in a decentralised manner. However, there is no plan of action under consideration for recycling of waste on the analogy of the Chinese medal.

[*Translation*]

**Disposable Syringes**

*591. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake the manufacture of disposable syringes in public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce disposable syringes in CGHS dispensaries to eliminate the risk of AIDS and other communicable diseases; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d). Hindustan Latex Limited (HLL), a Public Sector Undertaking, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, had proposed to manufacture 60 million pieces of disposable syringe and 100 million pieces of needle at the present estimated project cost of Rs. 53.08 crores. However, in view of the large investment needed to be made in the project, the relatively higher anticipated unit cost of HLL syringe vis-a-vis the conventional syringes available in the market and non-availability of captive purchase support by different programmes of the Government, HLL have now viewed that the proposed project is not viable. The introduction of disposable syringes in hospitals and dispensaries is not a part of the National AIDS Control Programme. Further, AIDS virus is there molable and is destroyed by ordinary boiling. Therefore glass-stringes with needles are used in CGHS Dispensaries.

**Bogus Sterilisation Operation**

6330. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Banda Mein Farji Nasbandiyon Ki Uchchstariya Janch", appearing in 'Rashtriya-Shara' dated December 31, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received such report from other parts of the country;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, such report regarding large-scale bogus sterilisation in other parts of the country has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) The State Government has been requested to take necessary action under intimation to the Union Government.

[*English*]

**Irregularities in Medical Council of India**

6331. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of large scale irregularities alleged to have been committed by some of the retired officers of Medical council of India;

(b) if so, whether a CBI inquiry was instituted; and

(c) the outcome thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has investigated the alleged irregularities committed by Ex-Secretary of Medical Council of India (MCI). According to CBI, the allegation of misconduct